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A.—(a) The Government have no information.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clauses (a), (b) and (c) of question No. 1427 at the last session of the Council. Steps have been taken to remedy the defects brought to notice in the case of the estates in Malabar referred to therein. No other cases have come to the notice of Government.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I point out to the hon. the Home Member that I sent this question on the 16th July and it was passed on to the department about the 31st July. . . . "

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member is requested to confine himself to any supplementary question arising out of the answer given here."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" My supplementary question is why Government could not get the information asked for earlier. They have taken a month to give such an evasive answer as " The Government have no information."

The hon the President :—" The hon. Member cannot put a supplementary question characterising an answer already given."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" I want to know what difficulty the hon. the Home Member had. He says ' The Government have no information.' Is it because the Labour Commissioner sent no report ? The Labour Commissioner had been asked to go round certain districts. So when he made a tour he ought to have visited some of these plantations on the hills and made a report to the Government."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" Not necessarily."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Did not the Labour Commissioner submit a report ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" He did not send it because the Government did not ask for it."

Motor Vehicles Act

Control and regulation of motor traffic in Madras City.

* 31 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—
(a) what steps have been recently taken for the better control and regulation of motor traffic in Madras City and in the mufassal ; and
(b) how far these have resulted in reducing the number of accidents ?

A.—(a) A number of proposals are at present under the consideration of Government.
(b) It is not known how far the steps that have already been taken have reduced the number of accidents

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" The Government say they have taken ' some steps ' in answer to clause (b) of this question. I want to know what the actual steps are."

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I have said that some steps have already been taken and there are a number of proposals under the consideration of the Government."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED SAHIB:—"The Government say in answer to clause (b) 'it is not known how far the steps that have already been taken have reduced the number of accidents.' I want to know what the steps are. May I also know whether the proposals which are under the consideration of the Government will be placed before the public for their opinion?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I should like to have notice."

Mr. HAMID KHAN SAHIB:—"May I know on what authority the Commissioner of Police, or whoever it may be that took some steps in the matter, took those steps? Were they sanctioned by the Government or the officer concerned took upon himself the responsibility for putting those steps into effect?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"Wherever the officer had powers he utilized them and wherever it was necessary for him to obtain the sanction of the Government he did so."

Mr. HAMID KHAN SAHIB:—"The answer given is 'certain proposals are under the consideration of the Government.' Do the Government propose to consult the representatives of the public, the citizens of Madras and also the owners of vehicles before they take any action in the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I should like to have notice."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU:—"The Government say 'there are a number of proposals.' May I know proposals from what quarters?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"Proposals from the Commissioner of Police and also District Magistrates."

Forests

Introduction of the Forest Act in zamindaris.

* 32 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) all the zamindaris in which the Forest Act has been introduced with the permission of Government and the date or dates on which sanction was accorded by Government for introducing the Act in the various zamindaris;

(b) whether any deputation on behalf of the zamindari ryots of the Ganjam district waited on the Government during the years 1927 and 1928 representing that the Forest Act is worked with great hardship to the ryots in all or any of the zamindaris;

(c) whether any memorial was submitted to Government by the "Zamindari Ryots' Association, Ganjam," and by the "Zamindari Ryots' Conference" during the years 1927 and 1928 representing the grievances, if any, of the zamindari ryots; and

(d) whether the question of withdrawing the Forest Act or the rules thereunder in any zamindari in the Ganjam district is under the consideration of Government?